

SENATE RESOLUTION 117

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Electronic Technician
First Class ET1(SS) Michael Kenneth Bottorff
U.S. Navy upon being named The Tennessee
Sailor of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their exemplary military duty, have distinguished themselves as public servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, our country was conceived by individuals willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's freedom, and Tennessee is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the U.S. armed forces, reaffirming this state's great tradition as the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Electronics Technician First Class ET1(SS) Michael Bottorff United States Navy, who was named The Tennessee Sailor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bottorff answered his patriotic call to duty by enlisting in the U.S. Navy on August 5, 1986 and has rendered admirable service to his country for the past 14 years; and

WHEREAS, ET1(SS) Michael Bottorff was also named Commander Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet Sailor of the Year, in addition to being recognized as Tennessee Sailor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he has rendered seven years of dedicated service on the USS Tennessee, which has included his participation in 20 strategic deterrent patrols, the supervision of intricate alterations to the USS Tennessee Nuclear Reactor Instrumentation and Control Equipment, and the coordination of over 3000 man hours of engineering training during 1999; he has also coordinated off-campus education for crew members working to obtain college degrees; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his meritorious service, Michael Bottorff has been honored with three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, three Good Conduct Awards, the Humanitarian Service Award, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his meritorious service on the USS Tennessee, ET1(SS) Michael Bottorff is also a member of the Leadership Panel for Jacksonville Naval Reserve Office Training Unit; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bottorff epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, always eager to lend a helping hand to those in need, Michael Bottorff gives unreservedly of himself to develop our country's most precious natural resource—our children, serving as a tutor for three elementary school children three nights a week; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual whose benevolent nature knows no bound, ET1(SS) Michael Bottorff works as a tobacco cessation counselor and is a member of the Sarasota Academy of Christian Counseling; and

WHEREAS, Electronics Technician First Class Michael Bottorff serves his country with courage and gallantry; he tirelessly strives to perpetuate the public good and ensure National Security and is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Michael Bottorff for his dedication to the United State of America, the state of Tennessee and their citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Electronic Technician First Class Michael Kenneth Bottorff for his meritorious service to his country in the United States Navy, congratulate him upon being named The Tennessee Sailor of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.